



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS WEEK

- WHEREAS: Each year Georgians are impacted by severe weather events such as lightning, thunderstorms, floods, hailstorms, tornadoes, hurricanes, and various winter storms – all potentially dangerous to life, health, and property; and
- WHEREAS: Urbanization and continued population growth increase the potential for these storms to cause death and destruction; and
- WHEREAS: In 2017, severe weather in Georgia included snow and ice events, tornadoes, flooding, hurricane and tropical storm landfall, as well as strong storms with high winds; and
- WHEREAS: Hurricane Irma caused widespread wind damage and heavy rainfall across the state, as well as severe coastal flooding, generating more than \$670 million in damages; and
- WHEREAS: Previous severe weather events have injured or killed Georgia citizens and caused substantial property damage; and
- WHEREAS: It is critical that effective public education programs concerning severe weather systems and preparedness procedures continue for the benefit of all Georgians; and
- WHEREAS: Departments and agencies of the local, state, and federal governments, along with volunteer and professional associations, faith-based organizations, private sector corporations, elected leaders, and news media, are committed to informing Georgia citizens about proper safety and severe weather preparedness procedures to better protect themselves, their families, and their fellow citizens; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Georgia launched “Ready Georgia,” a public awareness campaign to promote the importance of emergency preparedness and to provide all Georgia citizens with the tools needed to effectively and efficiently prepare for weather-related events or other types of emergencies; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 5–9, 2018, as SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS WEEK in Georgia and encourage all citizens to become more aware of severe weather safety measures, to download the Ready Georgia mobile app, and to participate in the awareness programs scheduled during the week, such as Family Preparedness Day on Monday, February 5 and Ready Georgia’s PrepreAthon! for Tornado Safety on Wednesday, February 7.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 24th day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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